Setting up of Regional Research Centre for Siddha System of medicine at Palayamkottai

2553. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any positive steps for setting up of a regional research centre for Siddha System of Medicine at Palayamkottai; and

(b) whether a proposal to this effect has been pending for the last three years even after its approval by the Finance Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b). On the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Committee (Siddha) of Central Council of Research in Ayurveda and Siddha for the establishment of a Regional Research Centre (Siddha) at Palayamkottai by amalgamating the survey of Medicinal Plants Unit and Clinical Research Unit (Siddha), the matter was placed before the Finance Committee of CCRAS at its meeting held on 17-12-82. The Finance Committee did not recommend the establishment of Regional Research Centre (Siddha) at Palyamkottai. The Scientific Advisory Committee (Siddha) reiterated their earlier recommendation at its meeting held on 24-3-1983. The Finance Commitee constituted a Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 28-5-1983. The proposal was accordingly placed before the sub-committee of the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 8-5-1984 and it has not agreed to the proposal.

Central Research Institute for Siddha System of Medicine

2554. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal during the Sixth Five Year Plan to establish a second Central Research Institute for Siddha System of Medicine: and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to implement the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) No.

(b) Question does not arise.

Assistants in zonal office New Delhi of the Food Corporation of India

2555. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister or FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistants Grade-I (Ministerial) in the Zonal Office (North), Food Corporation of India, in New Delhi, have been posted against the vacancies of Assistants Grade-I (Accounts) and vice versa; if so, the number of officials who are working against their allotted cadres; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the Electrical Engineering Division of Zonal Office (North), Food Corporation of India a number of Assistant Grade-I (Ministerial) are working against the posts of Assistants Grade-I (Accounts); if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Five Assistants Grade-I (Ministerial) are working against the posts of Assistant Grade-I (Accounts) in the Zonal Office (North), Food Corporation of India, New Delhi.

(b) Three Assistants Grade—I (Ministerial) are working in Electrical Engineering Section of the Zonal Office (North), Food Corporation of India, New Delhi against the posts of Assistants Grade-I (Accounts) on temporary basis due ot the shortage of Assistant Grade-I (Accounts) in Zonal Office (North).

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2556. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: